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Cell Stacks

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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1998**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 29, 1998, 1998, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 29, 1998, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claim~~ 3.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Three Times Amended) A bipolar plate for electrochemical cells, comprising:  
a gas barrier having an electrically conducting pathway extending therethrough,

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